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SUBJECT: BULGARIA APPROVES MANPADS TRANSFER TO SWEDEN

REF: SECSTATE 33987

Classified By: Ambassador McEldowney for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

[¶1.](#) (S) The Government of Bulgaria approves the transfer of 20 Bulgarian manufactured SA-7 MANPADS currently in USG possession to the Government of Sweden for countermeasures testing. In a diplomatic note dated June 1, 2009, the GOB approved the transfer of said MANPADS in response to USG's request (see reftel.)

Text of the GOB's Response:

[¶2.](#) (S) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Security Policy Directorate, presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Sofia, and with reference to its Diplomatic Note No. 101, dated May 12, 2009, as well as in accordance with the terms of the MANPADS Acquisition and Destruction Agreement between Bulgaria and the U.S., reached in January 2005, has the honour to inform the esteemed Embassy that an approval has been granted by the Bulgarian Authorities for the requested transfer to take place.

[¶3.](#) (S) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Security Policy Directorate, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Sofia the assurances of its highest consideration.
McEldowney